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GOLD BUG OPPOSITION.

The Early Passage of the Statehood Bill Expected.

New Mexico Will Probably be the Next State Admitted After Utah.

The Washington correspondent of the New Mexican, in a communication concerning the admission of the territories, says that the passage of the bill to allow New Mexico to form a state will not be made before the short session, when it will probably be pushed through.

That the work was not finished this session was no fault of the democrats in the senate. They found that while they could get the Utah bill out of the committee and through the main body without much trouble that they had a fight on their hands with the republicans on both the New Mexico and Arizona bills. The men who were most bitter on these deserving commonwealths were Platt, the aged and fanatical protectionist goldbug from Connecticut, and Davis, the goldbug corporation attorney, who has been put in the senate by the moneyed interests of Minnesota.

On the floor of the senate the principal opposition will come from the republican side, as it is not desirous in their view that any more senators who will vote against the protective corporations and goldbugs shall come in and stop the stealing that is now going on. They will be aided by one or two goldbugs on the democratic side, belonging to the conservative element that in the late tariff fight proved themselves to be without the pale of the democratic party and entitled to be condemned.

But chairman Faulkner, of the committee on territories, told your correspondent in the plainest terms a few days ago that he does not intend to let the New Mexico and Arizona bills be killed by this opposition. The democratic party has given a promise of home rule and intends that it shall be carried out. Therefore early in the short session the bills will be called up and it will be the policy of the democrats, aided by one or two silver republicans from the west who are not so hide-bound as their eastern brethren, to hammer at the matter until the bills become law.

The Arizona bill at present provides

that the state shall be admitted under the constitution drafted in 1891 on the 1st of next August, which would make it outrank both Utah and New Mexico, but it is the intention of the committee to move in the senate that a substitute enabling act similar to that of New Mexico shall be passed instead of the present bill. This would place Arizona behind both the other newly admitted states, as the New Mexico bill is now the first on the calendar and it is very likely that the president in issuing his proclamation will justly pay attention to the order in which the bills were passed.

Therefore the prospects are that the forty-sixth state will be New Mexico and thus a curious coincidence would result, as the territory out of which it was evolved was admitted as a part of the United States in 1846.

Among the announcements this week will be found that of Baylor Shannon for nomination for the office of sheriff of this county on the democratic ticket. This is one of the most important offices in the gift of the people of this county and there is going to be a lively scramble for it. Mr. Shannon is well known throughout the county, having made the race for county commissioner two years ago in which office he has made a record which is familiar to everybody in the county. He is entirely above reproach and if he secures the nomination he will be the next sheriff of Grant County.

The announcement of A. J. Clark, who is familiarly known all over Grant county as Tony Clark, for the office of county commissioner, appears in this issue. He only consented to allow his name to come before the convention after the earnest solicitation of his friends. He could have had the nomination two years ago but declined to allow his name to go before the convention. People down at Deming think that it is about time that place had a county commissioner and they are right. Tony Clark is the right kind of a man for the place, and would make an excellent commissioner.

L. C. Parker, who has been giving considerable attention to fruit raising on his place above town, says that his pear trees are suffering from pear blight. He has, he thinks, discovered three different kinds of blight and is anxious to find some remedy for it.

JOHNNY, GET YOUR GUN.

The Quail Season Will Open This Week on Saturday.

These Fine Birds are Unusually Abundant This Year and are Waiting to be Killed.

Grant county will be a paradise for quail hunters this year. There are tens of thousands of them in all parts of the county. They may be found in the valleys, among the hills and in the mountains and they are reported to be quite tame.

Old quail hunters will know just where to look for these birds but those who have not learned by experience where they are to be found might experience some difficulty in finding them even this year when they are so plentiful. In the eastern part of the county there are not so many as there are in the western part but in the vicinity of Hanover, that is to say two or three miles from the terminus of the Silver City and Northern railroad, there is fine quail hunting.

Another good place to find quail is at Cactus Flat where there are thousands of them. Many have been reported this side of Bear mountain and on the west side of Chloride Flat will be found the best quail hunting in the immediate vicinity of Silver City.

Those who go out for three or four days' sport will find the country between Burro Springs and the Gila river to abound with quail and as they are not hunted so much in that part of the county as in some others they are quite tame and it is not difficult to get within thirty yards of them before they take flight.

In the Gila valley more quail are to be found than anywhere else in the county, but it is extremely difficult to shoot them in the thick brush which skirts the river on either side and it is quite as difficult to get them after having shot them. They can be heard on every side running through the brush and it is only by accident that a hunter can get near enough to frighten them so that they will fly and then a hundred or more will take flight through the thick brush where it is almost impossible to get in an effective shot. If one or more of the birds fall it is almost impossible to locate it without a dog. Quail hunting on the Gila river would try the patience of Job.

Beyond the Gila there is good quail hunting in the foothills and farther up in the mountains. Along the Sapello quail may be found in considerable numbers. All that is required to get them is a good gun, good ammunition and a good hunter who does not mind a ten mile walk.